

less often.—Dorcas, Acts 9: 36-40. Aquila and Priscilla, Acts 18: 2, 3. Luke, II Cor. 8: 18, 19. Titus, II Cor. 8: 23.

FOR ANSWER IN THE MEETING.

1. How can we learn from others?
2. Why ought we to see virtues to emulate?
3. We become like a person we admire. Why?
4. What are the virtues which make a great Christian?
5. How does our society help increase those virtues?
6. Who are some great Christians of to-day and what can we learn from them?
7. How may we exemplify these virtues in our own humble lives?

Songs suggested.—Dare to be a Daniel. Am I a Soldier of the Cross. Only an Armor Bearer. Little Lights. Yield Not to Temptation. True Hearted. Faith is the Victory. Onward Christian Soldiers. K. C. of C. E. Rally Song. (If you have none of these send to this office.—Ed.)

ILLUSTRATIVE.

Peter was crucified head downward at his own request saying he was not worthy to be crucified as his master.

The remark by a man on a London street "The world has not yet seen what God can do with a wholly consecrated man" stirred into new power the lives of two of the world's great ones, F. B. Meyer of London and D. L. Moody of our own country.

"Not in prosperity's bright hour,  
Can reason justly scan  
The sterling worth, the honest toil  
That most dignifies the man."

—Burns.

Greatness is not revealed in ease and quiet, but in persecution and reverses and disappointments if these be triumphed over.

# PHILOSOPHY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT.

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Before engaging in the battle of Trafalgar, Lord Nelson said, "Give me young men because they are strong." This is the keynote of success when it comes to the point of active duty. Whether it is a naval battle, a land battle, a colossal mercantile enterprise, or if it is the grand conquest of the sinful hosts of the world by the glorious power of Christendom, it is young men who are wanted, because they are strong.

"Old men for counsel and young men for war" has long been a good maxim; but today it means more than it ever did before. Young men are filling the most responsible positions in all the walks of life.

Albert Drew had made and lost and made again his fortune before he was thirty. Wm. Cullen Bryant wrote *Thanatopsis*, the greatest of all his productions, when he was but nineteen years of age.

The Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor are becoming a mighty power for the evangelization of the world. To become the strongest Christian work-

ers, there must be early Christian training. Christianity is a life, a growth, and it should be cultivated early in life.

This the Young People's Movement is doing. Thousands of these societies over the world are led and conducted by young men and women who are consecrated and earnest Christians; people who appreciate the fact that a bird can never soar so high which once had a broken wing, and that the soul which has injured itself by sin can never rise so high as it could have risen had that sin never been committed.

These meetings are interesting to the young and they are becoming one of the great feeders of the church. By allowing the privilege of associate membership to those out of the church, they are led up to an interest in the Bible. This interest will often lead them to think seriously of their own salvation and is often the means of their conversion. Through these channels thousands of workers are sent out yearly, but even then compared with the size of the field and the great need of workers the saying is still true, "The harvest truly is great but the workers are few." Luke 10: 2.

When we survey the entire field of Christian work, which is incumbent upon this generation to perform we appreciate the grandeur and the necessity of the Young People's work. Badly as we need more workers in this country, the need in heathen lands is still very much greater.

In this country we have one ordained minister to every seven hundred people; about one-half what there should be. In the heathen lands there is one ordained missionary to every 200,000 people. Of the seven hundred to each minister in this country one fifth are converted and of the two hundred thousand to each ordained missionary in foreign lands one eleven-hundredth are converted. One Christian to eleven hundred heathens. Here is a gigantic task to be performed, and we do earnestly believe that it is intended for this generation to perform it.

These millions of souls who are bowed down by ignorance and superstition, worshipping idols, fire and the winds are hungering and starving for the gospel and we young people of America are the ones who are to carry it to them.

In Japan this spring in a church where there was no pastor, (their pastor being in the Bible Institute, of Chicago,) there were ten converted. The Holy Spirit is present in those benighted kingdoms, and if the few Christians in the congregation can convert so many, what could a spirit-filled and consecrated missionary do. Buddhism is falling before Christian phalanx, but we need more soldiers of the

cross to press on to the uttermost parts of the world.

This is the mission of the Young People's Movement, and how well that mission is carried out depends upon us. Every Christian who desires to do the commands of his Master owes his support to this movement. There is a part for every young man or woman, (or old one either for that matter) to do, and happy is he who finds his place and does it. Do not think that it is meant that every one should go to Japan, or Africa, or India in order to do his part. While we need strong young men and women to go to these countries, we also need thousands more strong young men and women to stay here and support those who leave their friends and break family ties that they may carry the gospel to the heathen. All these different places must be filled.

In the realm of art we have what is called mosaics. It is a picture or perhaps a word composed of small, various colored stones or beads. When these small gems are all arranged in their proper places and the perfect image comes before our vision, the effect is most beautiful; but take a few out and cast them away or put them in some other place in the image and the beautiful effect is immediately spoiled.

So it is in this Young People's work. We need some to carry the gospel to the heathen, some to work to support them, and some to make the home meetings interesting and attractive to the unsaved neighbors around us.

While we see the need of heathen lands for the gospel we must not forget the thousands in our own land. We must not forget Chicago, the Sodom of the nineteenth century. Many a poor sin-sick creature in that vast city needs our help and that makes another demand upon our Young People's Societies. Out of that enormous population of 1,800,000 souls, only 250,000 are church goers.

Ah, my friends, the Young People's Movement has a glorious mission and will be the greatest medium of evangelization the world has ever seen. "Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Objections have been raised to having children come into the church and begin active work too young, but I am positive that it is an objection built upon a foundation of sand. The sooner a child comes to the Savior, the fewer will be the tares and wild oats he will sow and the fewer will be the tares and wild oats he will have to uproot. This then is the work outlined for the Christian Endeavor; to do all we can to prevent the young children from repeating the fall in the garden of Eden